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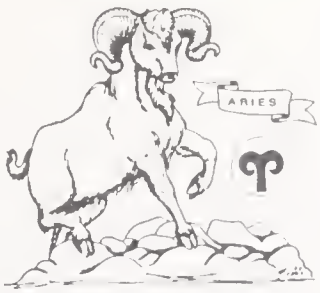

Look for an article on the Spanish Milled Dollar by Joe Frantz in the May issue of **TNA NEWS.**

5th REMEMBER - The 5th of May is the deadline for the June issue.

COL. CHARLES A. WINGO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the March edition of the **TNA News,** the death of our publisher, Clork Coursey, was reported. Those of you who had occasion to work with Mr. Coursey on TNA matters and have known him personally, are aware of his continuous effort ta assist our association in every possible way. His passing is not anly a great loss to his family and many friends, but is one that will be felt throughout the TNA.

In expressing our sympathy to his dear wife, Melba, and family, I also want to add aur oppreciation for his many kind deeds and services that were majar contributions to the growth and general welfare of our assocation.

The Banner Printing Company, which he heoded, will continue operations under the guidance of Mrs. Coursey and their sons, Pat and Sam.

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Once more, thot great annual event, our TNA Convention and Show, is just a few days away. I hope that you have made your plans to be ot the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, April 14-15 to portici-pote.

We'll be looking for you!

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The Oklahoma Numismatic Association has scheduled their annual convention for June 3-4 in Tulsa. For more information contact R. McPheeters, Box 267, Owasso, OK 74055.

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The American Numismatic Association has designated April 16-22 as National Coin Week. I hope that oll TNA coin clubs and TNA members will use this occasion to promote numismatics in their locol areas.

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MEDAL DEPICTS SINKING OF FAMOUS LUSITANIA

By Paul Johnson,
Toronto, Canada

Mony trogic events in history have been portroyed on commemorative medals in the past. However, it is doubtful that people reolly wont to remember these occurrances which have played a major role in our world. One such event was the sinking of the ship called "The Lusitania."

The "Lusitanio" wos launched in 1906 and in 1907 crossed the Atantic in a record time of four days, 18 hours and 40 minutes. In the First World War in 1915, the Germans were trying to force the British into surrender by attocking ships transporting food to the British Isles. The Germans went as far as warning the United States that if a liner such as "The Lusitania" traveled across the Atlantic ocean, they did so at their own risk. Despite this, the liner left New York in early May of 1915 with 1200 passengers and o crew of 600.

A few days later she was torpedoed by a German submarine off the southwest coast of Ireland. Hundreds of people were drawned including many from the U.S. This event brought the U.S.A. into the war on the Allied side in April, 1917. The Germans' only excuse was that the Lusitania was carrying munitians of war, however, her cargo consisted of furs, copper, brass, but no guns or shells.

A few days after the sinking, a medal was issued by a well known German medalist, Karl Goetz. The medal was cast in iron and measured 55 mm. Goetz was responsible for mony of the Germon medals recording the wor against England including one marking the battle of the Falkland Isles on Dec. 8, 1914.

The "Lusitanio" medal is described as follaws **Obverse;** Tivket office of the Cunard Co. in New Yark with a skeleton clerk symbolizing death issuing tickets to a crowd of passengers, one of whom is reading a newspaper inscribed "Submarine danger." In the background a German Ambassador raises a finger in warning. **Legend;** "Geschaft Vber Alles" meaning Business Comes First. K. G. stands for the designer Karl Goetz. **Reverse;** A symbolic "Lusitania" sinking. The design of the bow being altered to make it look like that of a battleship. From the deck shows guns and various other objects of war supposedly meaning that the ship was a legitimate torget. **Legend;** Keine Bann Ware / Der Gross Dampfer / Lusitania / Dutch Ein Deutsches / Tauchboot Versenkt / 5 Mai 1915. (The liner, Lusitanio, sunk by German submarine, 5th May, 1915.)

The number of actual medals struck in Germany is considered to be a few hundred and known as a propaganda piece. In Great Britain during the same year, about 250,000 were produced and sold in boxes. On these British copies the German word "Mai" is spelled "MAY." It was issued in aid of St. Dunstan's, an organization which cares for the war blinded. Mony people have soid that this is one of the most controversial commemorative medals in this

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LATIN AMERICAN NUMISMATICS

BY: BRENT BROWN
Curator Of Numismatics, Streeker Museum, Baylor University
WACO, TEXAS

FRANCISCO I. MADERO

Brent Brown

When people talk about the Mexicon Revolution, they usually mention the name Zapata, Villo, Carranza, Huerta and others. But these men all joined the revolution after is was begun through the efforts of Froncisco I. Madero.

Madero, who has been honored on two Mexicon coins, was a short, starry-eyed idealist with little knowledge of economics, bureoucracy and human nature. He was the younger son of a very rich family and became known with the publication of the book **The Presidential Succession in 1910.** This populor book proposed that an election be held in which a replacement for the aging dictator Porfirio Diaz would be chosen. Dioz himself unintentionally encouroged this plan. Shortly before the book was published, the dictator told an American newspoperman that Mexico wos ready for democracy and that Diaz would encourage opposition. He was surprised to find that many Mexicans read the interview. Diaz's statement and Madero's book encouraged oppponents of the dictator to rally behind Madero. They suggested that Madero run for president with the campaign slogan "Effective Suffrage - No Re-election."

Madero's forces openly and quickly organized. When Diaz saw that his opposition was serious he had Madero thrown in prison When Mexico was celebrating her Independence Day, Madero was allowed to escape to San Antonio. Diaz held the election and declared himself winner.

The exiled Madero issued a document in which he asserted that the election was fraudulent, asked for new elections, and called all Mexicans to revolt against the dictator. He thought that he had little chance for an armed insurrection, but when port of the population of the state of Chihuahua joined Madero's cause, the aged dictator was encouraged to relax. He spent the rest of his life in peace and plenty in Paris.

Madero entered Mexico City on June 7, 1911 and received a hero's welcome. Elections were held and he won the presidency [illegible]

after his election, Madero began to encounter large problems. His plans had not included details of what would happen once he became president. He had no idea how to deal with the land hunger of the peasants, the desire of the middle classes to rid Mexico of foreign investors, and he had no experience in running a government. He received complaints from almost everyane. His slogan "effective suffrage" was impossible in the largely illiterate nation and "no re-election" made it impossible for him to maintain his political power.

Problems continued to pile up. His squeaky voice, small stature, and his belief in spirits and destiny, made it impossible far him to display the characteristics of a leader which would have stirred support for him in the masses. His rich relatives assumed powerful positions in the government and they made Madero seem like another unconcerned aristocrat. He seemed ta find no support in any section of the Mexican population. About a month after Madero had been inaugurated, Emiliano Zapata began his revolt in Marelos. Zapata was fighting for "Land and Liberty." Madero was also facing insurrection in northern Mexico and he sent the army under the command of the colorful Victoriano Huerta to crush the revolt. Huerta joined the anti-Madero forces. Open opposition to Madero also began in Vera Cruz. Madero refused to take strong, positive actian against his enemies and this led to his loss of power.

The situation in Mexico became so bad that by February 1913, various factions were fighting in Mexico City, destroying parts of the city with cannon shot. Madero by now felt that he was completely helpless and he and his vice president resigned. Huerta took Madero into protective custody and under a series of mysterious circumstances he was "shot while trying to escape." He died the patriot who began the Mexican Revoltuion.

Madero was first honored on a coin in 1960. This piece is a 10 peso silver coin struck only in 1960. The obverse features Madero and Father Hidalgo. Hidalgo began the revolution against Spain in 1810. It is an interesting coincidence that Madero began his efforts about 100 years after Father Hidalgo began the Mexican independence movement. The coin also features Hidalgo's slogan "Independencia y Libertad" (Independence and Liberty) and Madero's slogan "Sufragio Efective - No Reeelccion," and the dates 1810, 1910 and 1960. The reverse has the Mexican eagle, the weight of 28.888 grams, the purity of .900 and the value. One million pieces were struck.

In 1964 and 1966, twenty five centavos coins were issued honoring the patriot. His portrait is on the abverse with the date and value. The reverse has the Mexican eagle and the legend "Estados Unidos Mexicanos." The coin has a diameter of 23 millimeters, a weight of 5.50 grams and a composition of 750 copper and .250 nickel. About 20,866,000 pieces were struck in both years.

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Donations to Mini-TNA News..	172.50	695.50
		8,563.13
DISBURSEMENTS:		
TNA News Editor - Februory travel allowance & Jan. petty cash..	125.00	
Banner Printing Co.	512.50	
January issue - 1128 copies	392.00	
Mailing	30.00	
Postage	90.50	
TNA Secretary - Postage	74.44	
Hart Graphics - Secretary's office supplies ..	12.98	724.92
		7,838.21
Balance on hond as of February 28, 1978		$7,838.21
* Operating Funds		3,996.81*
* Encumbered Funds		3,841.40*

NOTE: The following funds cannot be used for anything except the purposes for which they ore encumbered. The above balance includes these funds except as noted below.

TNA Library Fund as of January 31, 1978	$ 80.89
No receipts - No disbursements	-0-
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Case Fund as of January 31, 1978	3,760.51
No receipts - No disbursements	-0-
Balance as of February 28, 1978	$3,760.51
TNA Life Membership Sovings Account	$1,900.97
Accrued interest	64.96
Balance as of February 28, 1978	1,965.93
TNA News Continuance Fund Certificote of Deposit	$2,641.82
Accrued interest	130.39
Balance os of February 28, 1978	$2,772.21

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TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN., 20th convention, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas. **WRITE:** C. C. Andrews, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

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APRIL 22-23

HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, Greenville, annual show, Greenville Junior High School. **BOURSE:** Vestice Poteet, 1903 Oak St., Greenville 75401.

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APRIL 22-23

ROSWELL, N. MEX. COIN CLUB, onnual show, Roswell Inn, 1815 N. Main. **WRITE:** Charles M. Martin III, Box 1675, Roswell, N. Mex. 88201.

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MAY 6-7

VICTORIA NUMISMATIC CLUB, annual show, Victoria Community Center Annex. **WRITE:** Graves L. Rouse, Box 1183, Victoria 77901.

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MAY 13-14

WICHITA FALLS COIN CLUB, annual show, Gateway Motel, Hiway 281 at Maurine Exit. **WRITE:** Logan L. Essex, Box 4061, Wichita Falls 76308.

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JUNE 3-4

OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN., annual convention. Tulsa, Okla. **WRITE:** R. McPheeters, Box 267, Owasso, Okla. 74055.

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JUNE 10-11

BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual show, Community Center, 7000 S. Rice. **CONTACT:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

JUNE 17-18

GARLAND COIN CLUB, annual shaw, Sheraton Inn Dallas Northeast. **BOURSE:** Billy D. Gilbreath, Box 401303, Garland 75040.

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JUNE 25

GREATER ORANGE COIN CLUB, annual show. **WRITE:** Jerry Williams, General Chairman, Rt. 2 Box 17, Warren, Tx. 77664.

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JULY 15-16

NORTHLINE COIN CLUB, Houstan, onnual show. Haliday Inn, North Belt. Details later.

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JULY 29-30

ODESSA COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Inn of the Golden West. Details later.

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SEPTEMBER 9-10

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual shaw. **WRITE:** Club, Box 87, San Angelo 76901, for locotion.

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SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual Money Mart. Detoils loter.

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SEPT. 30-OCT. 1

FT. WORTH COIN CLUB, annuol show, Green Oaks Inn. **CONTACT:** Del Whiteman, Box 1439, Hurst 76053.

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OCTOBER 7-8

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, Sweetwater Annual Wildcat Shaw, Coliseum. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1506, Sweetwater 75556

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OCT. 21-22

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, fall show, Quality Inn. **WRITE:** John Jenkins, 2615 Wolflin, Amarillo 79109.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

Joe Wade
Governor

Final plans for the annual coin show for Mar. 4-5 were made at the February meeting of **Mineral Wells Coin Club.** The show was held at National Guard Armory. Ten attended the meeting.

A White Elephant auction was held with J. W. Sparks as auctioneer. Proceeds went to help defray expenses for the meeting place at North Oak Community Center. — **Viola Bennett, Publicity.**

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DISTRICT III -

Bob Perry gave a program on "Unclaimed Treasures" at the recent meeting of **San Angelo Coin Club** held at Dun-Bar West. Perry told of unclaimed savings, Express checks and plane tickets not used or C.D.'s not collected.

Twenty one attended the meeting and Mr. Head and Mr. Surnidoll were appointed as a committee to secure a suitable location for the annual coin show. Special prizes went to Kathy Ogle, Robin Teague, Bob Von Salars, Frank Rice and Bob Van Slaars. — **Verna Vautrain, Sec.**

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DISTRICT V -

Numismatics International of Dallas has announced that NI will hald a general membership meeting during the 1978 Texas Numismatic Assn. convention in Dallas. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 15 in the English Room of

New officers of Central Texas Coin Club of Brownwood for 1978 are from left: James Carpenter, vice president; Patricia Becktold, secretary; G P. Adams, auctioneer; Mrs. Clark Coursey, treasurer, and Gus Snodgrass, president. Robert Becktold, not pictured, is assistant secretary.

the Foirmont Hotel.

The meeting will include an educational slide program by Jack Lewis followed by a general discussion on NI's future. Discussion topics will include educational programs ond seminars, activities during the 1978 ANA convention, membership drive, publication, and the possibility of NI sponsoring a trip to the 9th International Congress on Numismatics to be held in Switzerlond during 1979.

Recipients of the 1977 Numismatic Achievement Awards have been named and include (for best articles) C. Toney Aid, Felix D. Bertolanffy, Richard K. Bright, I. C. G. Campbell, O. D. Cresswell, John S. Deyell, W. A. Haskell, Thomas W. Keener, Samuel Lachmon, Kenneth M. MacKenzie, Arthur J. Majewski, Hans M. S. Schulman and Igor V. Victorov.

Presentation of programming awards was made during the Februory NI educationol forum and are C. C. Andrews, Irving Berlin, Jay Berlove, Howard Ford, Tom Melody, Chorles Muchmore, Jr., Ross Schraeder and Elmore Scott. **— Charles Muchmore Jr., Publicity.**

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New officers for **Hunt County Coin Club** of Greenville are Kyle Cox, president, G. V. Corley, vice president; Vestice Poteet, treasurer; and Mrs. Vestice Poteet, secretary.

David Nunn
Governor

At the Februory meeting, plans for the 1978 coin show were made. It will be held April 22-23 at Greenville Junior High School. For further informotion, contact Vestice Poteet, bourse chairmon, 1903 Oak St., Greenville 75401 - 214/455-7528.

Barney Welch acted as auctioneer and 33 lots of coins were sold. Gertud Welch won the attendonce prize. **— Vestice Poteet, Treas.**

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DISTRICT VI -

Chris Johns
Governor

The regular meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was held Feb. 28 at Nessler Center. The January meeting was cancelled due to illness among the members.

Activities of the club in 1977 were given and included programs, shows and conventions attended, prizes won and members' attendance. Carl Nessler conducted an auction and most in demand were First Doy Covers, Avon cors, wooden money and Buffalo nickels.

Prizes were won by Ruby Threlkeld, Carl Nessler and Christine Richordson. **— Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VII -

At the February meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of Son Antonio, Freeman Craig displayed his "Around-The-World" coin collection ond told of his triols and tribulations—and the fun—of trying to assemble 128 coins from 128 different countries, each exactly 28 millimeters (just over 1 inch) in diometer. A neor impossibility, but Craig did it!

Hugh B. Jones discussed the Culion Leper Colony issues at the Feb. 28 meeting. The Leprosarium coinage was struck for use at the

Culian Leper Colony on the island of Culion about 150 miles southeast of Manila. He also discussed medals and tokens of the Philippines, grading, prices and supply factors.

Making up a nominating committee to select new officers for the April 25 election are Bob Krocker, Ilse Griffith, Bob Pick, Gerald Gibbs and Del Cooke. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII -

Wayne H. Harris
Governor

Jim Catron recently presented a program on U.S. Poper Money 1862-1923 at a meeting of **Corpus Christi Coin Club.**

Plans were completed for the annuol Collector's Show held at Exposition Hall on Mar. 18-19 — **Club Bulletin.**

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An auction was planned for Mar. 7 by members of **Liberty Coin Club** of Corpus Christi.

At one of the February meetings, a numismatic quiz was given by Ralph Watters. Attendance prizes were won by A. M. Ewing and Wayne Harris. — **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX: -

Hanson Ling showed and narrated slides on U.S. Pattern gold coins at the February meeting of **South Plains Coin Club** in Lubbock. Twenty one were present.

Final plans were made for the March coin show and members voted to issue a club bulletin an a monthly basis. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Members of **Levelland Coin Club** finalized plans for the Morch coin show and announced that Hockley County Sheriff's Dept. was to furnish security.

D. O. Joplin was winner of the attendonce prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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D. O. Joplin
Governor

Billy Kurkendall was welcomed as a new member of **Lamb County Coin Cub** at the February meeting held at the Reddy Room in Littlefield. Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Smith were visitors.

A discussion was held as to whether or not to hold the annual coin show in November. No decision was made. It was announced that area clubs had sent flowers to Oniel Rocky who was ill and also extended sympathy to the Clark Coursey family.

Winning prizes were E. L. Pitzer and Ronny Dalton. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI -

R. L. Tompkins
Governor

Nela Runkle presented the pragram for the February meeting of **Amarillo Coin Club** on the topic "Eagles on Coins."

Homer Dotts is chairman for National Coin Week with a theme of "Happiness Is - Coin Collecting." Dotts urged members to participate.

Prizes went to J. R. Lopez and

Derek Woods, and Dr. William Staut. — **R. L. Tompkins, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT XIII -

Greenbelt Coin Club met in February in Vernan with 18 in attendance. An auctian was held with silver halves maving gaad. Refreshments were furnished by Jake Ramsey and Carl Flares. New afficers include Henry McNabb, president; R. C. Walker, vice president; Helen O'Steen, secretary-treasurer; and W. H. Burke, program chairman.

Snaw, fag and ice prevented Bill H. Haward, TNA District 13 gavernar, from attending the manthly meeting af Wichita Falls Cain & Stamp Club. — **Bill J. Howard, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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DISTRICT XIV -

Jae Frantz af Manessan, Pa., was guest speaker at the March meeting af **Hidalgo Coin Club** held at First Natianal Bank in McAllen.

Frantz, president af **Maximilian Numismatic & Historical Society,** was winter vacationing in the Ria Grande Valley. He gave a pragram an the little knawn facts abaut the Spanish Milled dallar. (Text will appear in the May issue af **TNA NEWS.)**

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DISTRICT XV -

The January meeting af **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held at Orange Cammunity Center with Daug Hales, new president, presiding.

Members vated ta spansar a cain shaw an June 25 with Jerry Williams as general chairman.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

Jahn Hicks gave a pragram an the 1804 silver dallars. Prize winners were Daug Hales, Byran Whitmare and Craig Reynalds.

The pragram far the February meeting was given by Charles Smith, a member af the Orange Palice Dept. He talked abaut hame security far yaur valuables and cautianed—"Be careful wha yau tell abaut yaur valuables, especially children."

Attendance prizes were wan by Weldan Jacabs and Kenneth Ballard. — **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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Pat Maunier, new president far **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club,** listed needed cammittees at the recent meeting. The cammittees include publicity, awards, pragram-membership, refreshments and entertainment, transportatian, grading, ethics, budget, haspitiality and auctian. Members were urged ta sign up ta serve an the cammittees.

Plans were discussed far the Mar. 18-19 cain shaw at Thamas Jeffersan High Schaal cafeteria. — **Club Bulletin.**

Bob Taylor Transfers To Abilene Gibson's

Bab Talyar, TNA member and alsa a member af Levelland Cain Club, has been named general manager af the firm that aperates 10 Gibsan's stares in the state.

Charlie Fitzgerald, alsa a Levelland Cain Club member, has been named ta take Bab's pasitian as manager af Levelland Gibsan's Discaunt Center.

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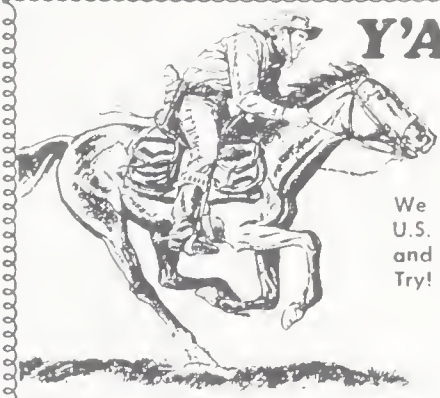

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LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB, Littlefield. Annual Show. **WRITE:** Ernest Mills, 1517 E. 9th, Littlefield 79339.

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GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB, annual show, Shamrock Hilton Hotel. **BOURSE:** Bill Johns, Box 90156, Houston 77090.

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APRIL 7-8

WACO COIN CLUB, annual show, Texas Room, Waco Convention Center. **WRITE:** J. P. Jones, 1517 Clay Ave., Waco 76706.

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APRIL 20-22

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN., 21st convention, Civic Center, Amarillo. Headquarters - Executive Inn. **WRITE:** John Jenkins, 2615 Wolflin, Amarillo 79109. Phone - 806/355-5053.

STATE'S FIRST GOLD MINE

The first Michigan gold mine was established in 1881 and called the Ropes Gold Mine, says the Michigan Travel Commission.

The mine was operated for 14 years, drilling to a depth of 800 feet and recovering $647,902 in gold and silver.

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The new legisation authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to strike, at the U. S. mint's Philadelphia facility, a national medal on behalf of the U. S. Capitol Historical Society.

Supervising the design, emblems and inscriptians af the medal will be a special advisory committee acting under the guidance of the Society with the concurrence af the Commission of Fine Arts and subject to the approval of the Secretary af the Treasury.

The first meeting of the advisory committee was held Feb. 28, at the U. S. Capitol Building, to determine the medal's size, metallic content, quantity to be minted and selling price.

The Society has named the Washingtan-based firm af Commemorative Marketing & Communications Cansultants, Inc. as its exculsive administrator and marketing agent for the program.

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"I hope it may be used to feed any starving coal miners' children," the mon wrote.

Unfortunately, he addressed the letter to "Gov. of Penna., Horlon County, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa." There is no Harlan County in Pennsylvania.

It wound up, **still holding the bill**, ot a Lehigh Valley, Po., post office. The postcord was then shipped to Harrisburg, where it wos passed from the governor's office to the state Labor Department.

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A locked ond unlabeled box hod gothered dust in Michael Brooke-Toylor's law office for nearly 40 years, so he opened it and found it jommed with personal possessions of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing.

"We all whooped with amazement when we saw what was in the box," Brooke-Taylor said, when news of the find was released. He opened the box during spring cleaning ot the office in London

There was the sash Miss Nightingale wore during the Crimean War, which brought her into history's spotlight; phials of scent; o nurse's payment book; a sketchbook of her sister, and o bangle made from her parents hair thot she wore os she made her rounds.

There were items of jewelry, rore Greek ond Roman coins and even a six-foot banner with the name of her sister Parthenope on it that had been used on a barge running up ond down the Nile

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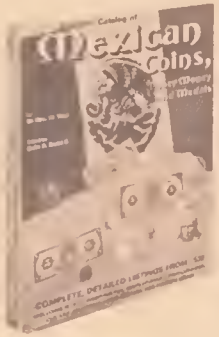

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